



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Noboru ISHIBASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3663

Application No.: 10/810,669

Examiner: T. TO

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For: IDENTIFICATION ASSIGNING METHOD AND APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Claims 1-12, 15, and 16 are pending in this application, with claims 2-4, 7-11, and 15 being withdrawn from consideration. In reply to the November 23, 2007 Office Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 12, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly non-statutory. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

It is alleged in the Office Action that claims 1, 5, 6, 12, and 16 recite descriptive material. However, Applicants respectfully maintain that claims 1, 5, 6, and 12 recite methods, not descriptive material. Claim 16 is recites a product, not descriptive material. In fact, the only pending claim which is directed to functional descriptive material recorded on a